



tattersalls

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Mark Bartrop (left) with racing identities John Inglis, David De Mestre and Bill McNally

Racing Thoroughbreds

Distinguished members John Inglis, David De Mestre and Bill McNally with club secretary Mark Bartrop. These 3 great Tatts racing enthusiasts with a combined 134 years of club membership proved themselves real stayers over a 4 hour luncheon in the club brasserie recently.

John Inglis is a director of W. M. Inglis & Sons, a life member of the AJC, a regular racegoer and is one of the most respected people in Australian racing.

David De Mestre became an owner in 1951 and as a member of the VRC, AJC and STC is actively involved in

racing. David's sons John, Paul and Peter have a collective 55 years club membership. David's great uncle trained the first three Melbourne Cup winners.

Bill McNally is a long term racing enthusiast and club supporter who recently promoted a racing syndication for 8 members and developed our Tattersalls Club racing colours. Bill is also a lawyer in his spare time.

These gentlemen will be attending the running of the time honoured Tattersalls Club's Chelmsford Stakes at Randwick on September 6.



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from the chairman

What fine company a Tattersall's Club man makes!

I have just returned from a week in the snow where we oblige ourselves to live in the closest of quarters with our fellow ski club members. In some cases, this means as many as four to a room so we get to know one another pretty well over an active week. We also breakfast and dine together each night in the lodge and occasionally, just occasionally mind you, party on later in the night at one or more of Perisher's pubs. All good male bonding stuff I try to explain to anyone who will listen.

It was just great to catch up with George Gell and his martinis and cigars crew who turned it on as usual. And to enjoy some fine times in the powder and at the bar with Ant Berkman and Bob Leece. Bob rounded off a great week for him by being named Skier of the Year. Mark Rouffeil did a splendid job as our CEO for the week, with Simon Forsyth lending a hand as he usually does. John Barrell, recently rejoined and a former Skier of the Year, joined us to relive old times and to plan our next adventure. John Murray and John Punch were down as usual and in excellent form. And Hugh Williamson and the rest of the team made sure that sleep was optional. Fine company indeed!

So, with skiing over for another year, I have dusted off the fly fishing gear and headed off to the park for a bit of casting practice ahead of some promising saltwater and freshwater sorties which Simon Forsyth and Mike Ivanchenko have planned. Like skiing, this is another challenging sport that Tattersall's Club has introduced me to. And, again, we enjoy the best of company when we come together as sportsmen and as fellow members of our great club.

One downside of the Ski Week was that I missed the Duck and Pinot Dinner launching our revival of the wine and food group in the Club. It was a great success by all accounts and I can assure you that the Committee is determined to see more top quality gourmet events as a regular feature on the calendar in the future. Steve O'Halloran is leading the charge for some marvellous wine tastings coming up – and we all know about Steve's legendary cellar and his passion for education in this field.

How we are going to fit all of this in with the Rugby World Cup coming up, I do not know. Because the Club is most certainly the place

to be with our plans, soon to be announced, coming together well. I have been asked about tickets and ticket deals which might be available and while I cannot say anything yet, there may be some late offers available to continue our Olympic Games precedent of special privileges for Tattersall's members.

If you are a member of the Athletic Department, you will be receiving Brad Pamp's excellent monthly newsletters with all sorts of inspirational articles on the importance of maintaining good health and fitness. I especially enjoy Brad's practical approach to exercise and diet which, it seems to me, rules out fads and extreme short-term measures in favour of a more balanced approach to diet and exercise and allows for the inevitable excesses in our busy lives.

In his latest missive, Brad reminds us of how regular, supervised exercise can reveal life-threatening problems that would otherwise remain concealed, perhaps until too late. He tells the tale of a well-known, longstanding Tattersalls' member, with an impressive rugby resume, who is encouraged to wear a standard heart monitor after AD staff observed some unusual effects of routine exercise in the Club. At first, it is thought that the monitor is defective because our strapping member is both too young and too much a regular AD user to have a problem. When a second monitor produces the same results, and a specialist medical is recommended and carried out, it is clear that there is a serious problem which could be life threatening and which needs surgery.

If ever there was a good reason for being a regular user of our splendid AD facilities, this is it. One problem is that Brad's newsletter is only read by AD members and the message has not made it to the majority of our members who, some might suggest, could benefit most. So I thought I should make a point of it in my monthly note.

Oh, and one other reason why I am particularly impressed with this story, is that the strapping member in question is my younger brother, Bill. He's pretty impressed with our professional and caring AD staff too!



Russell Debney

Chairman



secretary's report

As winter draws to a close the Club is preparing for its Spring Carnival Race Day at Royal Randwick. Located on the Oaks lawn our Marquee is well positioned for members and guests to catch all the excitement of the day. The food, wine, beer and bubbly will be flowing so come along and get some tips from the professionals. Participate in the "Fashions in the Field" and the lucky door prizes - all of this for a mere \$95.00. Bookings for the luncheon may be made through the Administration Office. Two complimentary tickets to the racecourse on the day are included with this newsletter. See you there!

For those of you who missed out on the Wine Club's "Duck & Pinot" night, you missed an excellent evening, the food was superb as was the selection of wines, various wine makers gave informative speeches and the conversation amongst the 120 guests was lively. I would like to thank Lee & Renata for all the hard work they put in.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the 2003 members survey will be coming out in late August, once again I would urge you all to complete the survey promptly.

The final plans for the Athletic Department refurbishment are being completed and it will be great to start the work as soon as we have final approval. On the subject of the AD I would like to wish the three swimming teams heading off to Maui the best of luck in Hawaii, I have been told by a reliable source that the training has been excellent and that we are a big chance.

The Bledisloe Cup lunch was a huge success, in contrast to the game, the room was packed and MC Gordon Bray kept the day flowing. On Rugby matters, we have managed to secure the services of Alan Jones as the guest speaker at a members function planned for November 12th, members will be advised shortly regarding ticket sales.

With the Rugby World Cup slowly approaching I would like to advise all members that the Club will be open for all televised matches during the tournament, we are presently completing a calendar of games & times which will be available for all members in the bar and front desk.

I would also like to remind members that our 3rd floor function areas are available for any corporate or private entertaining during the Rugby World Cup, the outlook, service and ambience make it the perfect place for entertaining.

On a more serious note I have recently had to remind a number of members about the dress regulations in the club, it would be appreciated if all members could adhere to these regulations.

Mark Bartrop

tattersalls into the year 2003 calendar of events

August

29th Six in the City - Duo Sol

September

6th Tattersalls Race Day
Royal Randwick

10th Competitive Wine Tasting

October

10th Rugby World Cup opening game
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brasserie open

17th Black Tie Boxing

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Tattersalls Club in partnership with Future Platform are conducting a Membership Survey during the month of August. If you have completed your online survey, we'd like to thank you. If you haven't there is still time.

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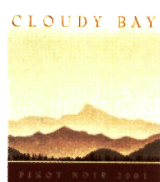
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METHUSELAH'S TROUSERS *

The bloke who's been writing these Vince Maloney ads for thirty years (that's me) went in to V.M. last week and asked Peter to make him another pair of trousers exactly the same as the ones he was wearing. The fabric was an English wool blend in a sort of camel colour. These trousers, I complained, were dangerously threadbare in the seat after only fourteen years.

Coincidentally, in the shop at the same time was another customer who had had trousers of the same fabric. These had lasted eleven years, for workaday use; he saved his lush, costly cashmere blends for up-market occasions. I quite like the crisp feel of my Methuselah wool-blends. So did he. \$265 to measure.

* From the bible: Methuselah was a chap famous for being old.



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Duck & Pinot Night

The recently constituted Tattersalls Wine and Food Club conducted its inaugural dinner on 6th August last under the format of a "Duck and Pinot" evening. At \$65 per head (\$55 per head for Wine & Food Club Members) the evening turned out to be not only highly enjoyable but also extremely good value. Approximately 130 members and guests mingled in the function room with a three course sit down dinner accompanied by 12 different Pinots from Australia and New Zealand and one "real McCoy" a Blagny "La Piece Sous le Bois" Domaine Matrot.

We were very fortunate in having as our guest Michael Bynon a Sydney Wine Merchant who is likely to be one of Australia's next Masters of Wine. When one considers that there is only 11 Master Winemakers in Australia, we were extremely fortunate in having Michael's presence to guide us through the nuances of the Pinot grape, its history and its characteristics. Apart from the outstanding French burgundy

other Pinot Noirs that received high acclaim was the Fonty's Pool from WA and two New Zealand wines from Oyster Bay and Cloudy Bay. A Penfold's Reserve Pinot Noir also rated highly.

This dinner is the first in what will be regular dinners conducted through out the year as well as other wine related events such as the forthcoming wine tasting "competition" to be conducted in accordance with strict wine tasting rules – but with a little levity to jolly to occasion along, on Wednesday 10th September next.

Our next scheduled dinner is likely to be in February with the theme being the wines of one of Australia's outstanding wine producing districts with an appropriate guest speaker. Further details to be provided in due course.

Stephen O'Halloran

Tattersalls Wine & Food Club



Members and guests enjoying the evening



Michael Fitzgerald entertaining the table



Bob Sanders and Peter Werner looking forward to the duck

AUGUST IN THE AD

"The spirit to win and the will to excel is always measured one stroke at a time."

Dear Members,

I have promoted the many benefits of regular exercise in recent months with a major benefit being cardiopulmonary health. With a large portion of our AD members being aged between 40-60 I felt it pertinent to address this area of health. This particular age group, coupled with a sedentary lifestyle, is statistically synonymous with cardiovascular illness.

The attention we have placed on this area of health was supported this month.

A member in this age bracket with an impressive sporting resume approached me with a question regarding his heart rate. He became aware, during his regular training session, that there might have been an irregularity with his heart rate. He noticed a

rather odd anxious rush after roughly 15-20 minutes of medium intensity exercise. Not really to the point of apprehension, but enough to raise the issue with me.

We firstly examined his blood pressure which presented slightly higher than normal, but nothing to worry about. However I was informed later that this result was medically assisted. He was to wear a heart rate monitor and have his resting and exercising heart rates assessed. He rested at 75 beats per minute (BPM) which is about average. Exercising at a perceived intensity of 60% he felt fine. After 13 minutes of exercise his heart rate reached a plateau of 125 BPM. (had we halted the assessment at this point (10-min) all would have been classified as normal.

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Young members and their guests enjoy the beer tasting night.

athletic news

At the 18 minute mark he entered cardio arrhythmia. 230 BPM. Wow! After stopping and regaining his composure his HR returned to its resting point.

The next day we trained again but with a more technical HR monitor. Under my supervision his HR again shot up to 235 BPM, a massive and alarming spike in his training HR. It was at this time that he told me there were cardiac complications in his family tree.

The next step was simple. Cardiologist here we come. Initial results seemed to be fine though a little grey in some areas. It is important to acknowledge the complexity of the heart and its related functions. A week later after numerous tests, results suggested a complication with the main valve leaving the heart and an under development of the left atrium.

Prognosis – Monitored conservative exercise will play a regular role for the rest of his life as will the assistance of controlled medication. High intense exercise without close monitoring is contra-indicated. Under no circumstances is it advisable for him to take his heart rate above 140 BPM. Surgery is suggested if his condition deteriorates.

Please don't read this as scare tactics. I simply wish to make the point that regular monitored exercise may possibly detect cardiac irregularities that may save your life, and improve your daily mental and physical functioning.

In more uplifting news I would like congratulate Tour de France 2003 Yellow jersey leader Brad McGee. Last year Brad assisted our Tattersalls Cycle Tour in Adelaide. He is now one of only three Australians to wear the coveted jersey.

This month

1. Level 1 – Postural Training. A program will be displayed in the gym. Please ask a staff member to provide support. There are 6 levels of 6 exercises. It is a progressive program and you won't be disappointed!
2. Feature Article – What is the GI Factor in Food?
3. Guaranteed Results – please ask a member of staff to explain this month's program.

4. Father/Son Day – Sunday August 17th. 11am-1pm. I have been approached by a number of members for training options their sons/daughters should be performing. Having met a number of these keen youngsters I would like to invite fathers to bring in their son's along to exercise in fun and safety. It's simply a get together and for fathers & sons to enable dad to show off his club.

5. Next Month – Tattersalls Ironman – This will be our yearly competition to establish who is truly our fittest member. Peter Thiel must be beaten!

Special Mentions

1. Michael Griffin – Sorry Michael, last month I addressed you as Anthony. Congratulations on three tries in the opening Tooheys Cup round.
2. John Joris – John has trained solidly in his running over the past three months, returning a fast 42 minute 10km in a local fun run. City to Surf here we come!
3. Ken Glover – Ken triumphed over an impressive field in a highly competitive tournament at Nelsons Bay Golf course. Well done Ken. You've had a big year following your hole in one.
4. Peter Werner – Peter seemed very chuffed with his swimmer of the month achievement.
5. Shane Dorman & Matt Hawk – The boys did themselves proud on the FOOTY SHOW – Beat the Boys segment!

We are happy to accept constructive criticism or any new alternatives that may improve your facility, with all feedback appreciated.

Brad Pamp



Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar

sport

Quiet struggles of great intensity are being conducted on the third floor of the club as the Calcutta Tournament reaches its middle stages. As intended by Subaltern Chamberlain, who formulated the rules of the game in the highlands of India and as befits a club of gentlemen, all contests are conducted in the spirit of sportsmanlike reserve and manners sledging refers to carriage on a vehicle on runners and has no place in the snooker world. Don't we wish it were so in other arenas.

Joe (Lou) Pidcock, Dennis Pidcock's brother, defeated the current club champion, Roger Farebrother, with the aid of excellent play and a handicap (apart from being related to Dennis). Brian Holmes, who has resolved to drink no more (and no less) has progressed through to the round of 16, adding to his 75 handicap, sound all-round play. John Simpson, in beating book maker Colin Tidy, totalled 54 in one break and then accounted for Trigger Woollard and in the next round, to emerge as a September contender as the AFL (whatever that is) call semi final teams. Col Pierce, drawing on all 89 years of his experience, dispatched Wagga based Phil (it wasn't his) Day, before losing in a close shave to Glen Wilkinson on the black ball.

Lightning snooker nights are now held on the first Thursday of each month, when all the members are welcome. Anthony Cummings found that the August tournament produced a double disappointment. Tattsmen, a horse that he trains for club members, at his first start failed to suggest that it would be another Might and Power and Anthony lost his game in the Lightning to the ultimate winner, Kaz Pociask. Anthony asked the jockey of Tattsmen whether he could have gone any faster in the straight, and received the reply that he certainly could have but he thought Anthony wanted him to stay with the horse. Anthony was a

runner up in last year's Calcutta to Rod Moreton and says that he is now down to thinking about his loss only about 10 times a day.

Kaz who trains on cigars, plays well above his weight and that means he plays very well indeed, as reflected by his win.

There is also an aggregate tournament conducted throughout the year based on the Lightning nights, and Kaz's win takes him just past the 2002 Christmas Cup winner, Mark Twigg (another well weighted contender) on total points.

Entries are now being taken for the snooker doubles championship and doubles handicap, and also billiards handicap and championship. All members are welcome to enter. Please contact Joe Minici, the club professional, on 9264 6111.

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Rebates will be subject to 2004 renewals and will be calculated according to the membership category of the new member.



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In month 6 Phil Reichelt was successful in the 50 metres point score, with Rob Buckley winning the 100 metre Clock Hotel Award. The handicappers are keeping a close eye on Rob's form and he may soon pay for his success.

The Club welcomed back "Mr. Marty" McConnell who seems to have his sights set on the upcoming Calcutta.

July was somewhat quiet with school holidays and losing some to the snow. The Chairman had not, at time of writing, even returned from the lofty heights. We can only guess what is keeping him.

The '2003' Calcutta planning is continuing and a few writs will be flying around due to slanderous depiction of members appearing in prominent places. Rick Glover & Peter Thiel need good lawyers me thinks!

"Maui 2003" – Peter Thiel reports:-

"Training for the Maui 2003 Swim is going very well, with the non-Maui competitors being subjected to some ugly distance sets in the mornings. Despite the complaints, the morning training sessions are being very well attended, and many have attained a level of fitness which should put them in good stead for the 2003/4 Ocean swims series. The Maui competitors are certainly going to be ready for the distance and the potentially rough conditions.

Cesar Puertolas has been driving the organisers of the race mad, and somehow has managed to secure three suitable boats for the teams to use for the race (we understand he had to put his house up as collateral for one of the boats, as well as offering to take in the young daughter of the race organiser - "Coco" who will be in Australia on some form of student exchange next year). We thank Cesar for going beyond the call to help us.

Most of the Tatts members are ready and raring to go, and it seems that the whip may only have to be applied to a couple, Mmmmmm no need to mention any names.

It appears that we will have two teams in the 150+ age category (6 members to a team) and one team in the 300+ category. Along with partners, children, hangers on and some extras who are tagging along, it looks like there will be a large group of about 35-40 Aussies making the trip to annoy the locals."

Results of month 6 swimming were:

Tattersalls Gift Voucher 50m Award

1. Phil Reichelt	41
2. David Castle	29
3. Matt Curll	22

Clock Hotel 100m Award

1. Rob Buckley	26
2. Ken Glover	24
3. Richard Jagger	23

YTD – End month 6 – 50 m

1. Gary Wilson	139
2. Greg McMahon	138.5
3. Peter Thiel	124
4. Phil Reichelt	121
5. Andrew Torok	114
6. David Kemp	113

YTD – End month 6 – 100m

1. Brendan Maher	121
2. Cesar Puertolas	118.5
3. Peter Thiel	110
4. Pat Bryant	108
4. Greg McMahon	108
6. Tom Nolan	98

Swimmer of the Month – Month 6 Manchester Unity Award

Committee's choice – David Castle

Progress Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy

1. Anthony Powter	43
2. Pat Bryant	39
3. John McCosker	36

Coming Events

26 August 2003 – "Maui", Hawaii – Channel swim & Waikiki Roughwater.

16 September 2003 – Swimmers Poolside lunch.

24 September 2003 – Two Tatts Relay – our pool.

25 & 27 November 2003 – Club Championships.

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In July I was lucky enough to sail the new 6 star Radisson Seven Seas Voyager. With 700 guests, all spacious suites and balconies, it was only launched in April.

The cruise sailed from Copenhagen and one day stops were made at Visby (capital of Gotland-part of Sweden), and Tallinn, Estonia, then St Petersburg for 3 days, and one day Helsinki, terminating in Stockholm. These ports are the highlights on this short cruise which would suit people with limited time.

There are four restaurants on board, the signature one run by Cordon Bleu and the food is some of the best we have had ever tasted. The open dining allows great flexibility to dine with new found friends in formal or casual surroundings.

ST PETERSBURG IMPRESSIONS - Our small group had a driver and guide which is the best way to see the Hermitage, Catherine's Palace and the other famous sights, but be prepared for the crowds. It is also worthwhile organising tickets in advance for concerts and the ballet, and we were fortunate enough to attend a concert of the St Petersburg Philharmonic orchestra.

I recommend the purchase of porcelain in St Petersburg - it is very good, inexpensive, and shipping can be easily arranged.

TALLINN, ESTONIA - A walking tour is the best way to capture the atmosphere of this town undergoing great modernisation, and is destined to be the next hot destination. Apart from the quaint buildings in the old town I enjoyed the shopping for amber and linen articles.

Having cruised extensively I can recommend this new addition to the Radisson fleet. The big advantage of course, of being on a ship, is that no hotels have to be paid for which is a major advantage as they are expensive and not good value in St. Petersburg. I like the idea of unpacking once and letting the ports come to me !!!

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We talk to Roger Farebrother

Snooker Champion

Where did you start in life?

I was born in London within the sound of Bow Bells so I guess I'm a Cockney. The family moved to North Wales where my father had a restaurant and a plumbing business.

Where were you educated?

I should say at the local school in (*what's the name of the town?), but it would be more accurate to confess that I spent more time educating myself on the local trout river. The family moved to Australia when I was sixteen.

What led to you taking up snooker?

I played soccer for Dover Heights, then we moved to Campbelltown and I had to play for the local team which had a different attitude, training was lax, people turned up if they felt like it. So I joined the cycling club - on a bike I didn't need to depend on any one else.

One day, a friend asked me to play snooker in Campbelltown and when I came out, someone had stolen my bike. That was the end of cycling and the start of snooker!

Were you a winner from the start?

I won the local club Championships, Champion of Champions events and (*What else?)

How did you develop from a good club player to a champion?

I'd get to the last sixteen of invitational tournaments but I couldn't seem to find the ingredients to get past that. So I got coached by anyone who was coaching. I was still not getting through and then I found that I was very right eye dominant. I made some technical changes to my game and it made all the difference. My game shot up and I started to get into a percentage of finals.

In 1985, I got the Australian record break. From there I won two international tournaments, represented Australia, went overseas seven or eight times, toured India and Beijing.

Are the Chinese into snooker?

Absolutely mad on it. I played in Hong Kong one year, the format was one that I had been undefeated in for two years, so it was perfect for me. I came out to play and there were six thousand shouting Chinese with mobile phones, chip packets rattling, TV cameras whirring. The nerves got to me and I just lost. About ten years later, I won an international tournament with nine other countries in it, so I thought I'd made up for that loss.

What is your most memorable experience?

You remember all your losses, but winning an International in Melbourne would have to be the one. In '87 I was runner-up in the national championships in a black ball game and Peter Hawkes was the winner. The place was so packed and the atmosphere was such that the air conditioning broke down. The International was held in the same venue in the same conditions and I won, so I felt that I'd turned it around. I won the final 5-1. In that year I also won the NSW Championship 6-0.

What players stand out?

The most impressive for me is Steve Davis. Most of the players attack the game but Steve Davis could suppress that. Where you or I would say "Let's pot that" he might play a safety shot or a snooker, because he was playing to a system; almost like chess.

How did you join Tattersall's?

I played here in an Oceania Tournament and was invited to join. I've met some really nice people and been lucky enough to win the Club Championship for the last two years.

What do you do outside the world of snooker?

I'm very happily married with three beautiful girls - two little ones and one big one.

Professionally, I promote Lindrum wine for the Lindrum family. The dynasty was founded by Friedrich Walter Von Lindrum who not only won Australia's first Gold medal for wine in London in 1873, but was also Australia's first World Billiard's Champion. He was followed by Friedrich 2 and Friedrich 3, then Walter and Horace - four world class champions in five generations. Walter Lindrum was the greatest billiards player ever and Horace was instrumental in creating Pot Black and introducing Whispering Ted Lowe to the BBC. And that, of course, was the event that made a world star of Tattersall's own Eddie Charlton. Steady Eddie's book 'Winning Snooker' was one of the first that I bought - I learnt a lot from that book. I hope to have my own book published one day, it's called 'The Theory of Cueing' - I think I've got something to put back into the game.



A young Roger Farebrother at North Sydney Anzac Club